

IN THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating a confirmation message, comprising the steps of:

informing a called mobile station of receipt of a message from a calling mobile station;

determining, when the received message is a text message, whether a ~~user~~ called party of the called mobile station has ~~confirmed~~ read the received message, which is stored in the called mobile station; and

transmitting, from the called mobile station, a confirmation message directly to the calling mobile station, wherein the confirmation message is generated by the called mobile station when the ~~user~~ called party of the called mobile station has ~~confirmed~~ read the received message and message, and wherein the confirmation message includes a telephone number of the calling mobile station.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the step of determining, if the received message is a voice message, whether the called mobile station is connected to a voice mail center in order to confirm the received voice message.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the confirmation message is a data burst message.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the confirmation message is a short message.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the steps of:
sounding an alarm; and
displaying, in the calling mobile station, information indicating receipt of the confirmation message, upon receipt of the confirmation message.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating a confirmation message, comprising the steps of:

determining, by a called mobile station, when a voice call is not normally established between the called mobile station and a calling mobile station, whether a ~~user~~ called party of the called mobile station has ~~confirmed~~ played back a message, wherein the message is created and transmitted by the calling mobile station;

generating, by the called mobile station, a confirmation message when the called party of the called mobile station has played back the message ~~indicating the confirmation by the user~~;

and

transmitting, from the called mobile station, the confirmation message directly to the calling mobile station.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the message transmitted by the calling mobile station is a voice message.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the confirmation message is a data burst message.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the confirmation message is a short message.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising the steps of:
sounding an alarm, and displaying, in the calling mobile station, information indicating receipt of the confirmation message, upon receipt of the confirmation message.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the confirmation message includes a telephone number of the calling mobile station.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the determining step comprises:

determining whether a confirmation key of a key input part to confirm the received message is pushed by the user of the called mobile station.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the determining step comprises:

determining whether a confirmation key of a key input part to confirm the message is pushed by the user of the called mobile station.